

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 11, 2008

PRESENT: Dennis Farrell, Debra Patterson, Julie Turkoske, Amy Uker, Missy Kueht-Becker, Susan Vig Saucier, Doreen Eicher, Eugene Zacharyasz, Julia Loritz, Judy Larsen, Alexander Schaller, Melissa Lucas

Julie Turkoske called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members exchanged introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2008

Debra Patterson made a motion, seconded by Judy Larsen to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OR GUESTS

Julie Turkoske shared a letter from a Principal asking parents and staff to think about encouraging your child this summer to go out and meet/share summer fun experiences with a child(ren) who is challenged with a special need.

Doreen Eicher announced that Art Links is sponsoring two workshops – a Theater Workshop, June 23-26, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and a Switch Ensemble Workshop, July 21-24, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Doreen.

Judy Larsen talked about a call she received from a mother who lives in New Berlin and has a child with Down syndrome. The issue seems to be that a bus route that would transport individuals with disabilities was cancelled because there was not enough ridership. Dennis Farrell mentioned that Menomonee Falls has a senior bus that now will be transporting individuals with developmental disabilities. The cost is \$1.50 one way. The schedule is Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or 4:00-5:00 p.m. Last pick up time would be 2:00 p.m., and you would need to call Johnson Bus one day prior.

Susan Vig Saucier, Assistant Professor Nursing from Carroll College provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness course that they would like to roll out in January '09. She reported that she has received permission and approval from the Ethics Board to begin her interview research. Susan shared an outline on the Special Needs Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response Training Course and a Permissions to Interview and/or Obtain Questionnaire Information form. Interested individuals can be interviewed over the telephone or in person, whichever is most convenient. We are looking at what is acceptable in teaching individuals about emergency preparedness, and consistency across the State of Wisconsin. The second part of the grant is for special medical needs shelters. Special needs shelters are a mobile system. The Red Cross will assist with regular services, but they do not provide medical needs unless

you arrive with your care provider and all of your medications. All input will be valued and will not be disseminated by name or by agency. If interested in participating in this research on behalf of your agency or as a parent, you may contact Susan at 262-782-7082 or ssaucier@cc.edu.

DDAC REPORTS

A. Health & Human Services Board

Dennis Farrell reported the Health and Human Services Board met with County Executive taking into account all information gathered from the Advisory Committee presentations and the Public Hearing. From there a target will be formulated and distributed to all department heads. Budget Review days are scheduled for July 21 and July 22, and possible July 28th if needed.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center is up and running. On July 24, 2008, Care Wisconsin will hold an open house ceremony, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., at the Squires Office Center on Riverwood Drive. Various entities will be represented there – Waukesha officials and leadership staff, family guardians, State Legislation from Waukesha County and other representatives will be present as well.

The Health and Human Services Board and Committee will be meeting tomorrow, June 12th.

B. Family Support

No Report

C. Long Term Care Manager

No Report

D. Birth to Three

Lutheran Social Services statewide reviews are scheduled for July 2008.

E. Continuing Education/Technical School

No Report.

F. Transportation Subcommittee

The Southeast Wisconsin Health Disparities transportation subcommittee met for the first time on June 5, 2009. The group discussed the efforts being put forth in other forums, as well as the uncertainty of what will happen with the Health Disparities group since many of the State employees involved will be changing roles by the end of the year. SWRPC is bringing up the issue of a regional dispatch system again and transportation is an issue for the MCOs as Family Care rolls out. There is an effort in some locations to start a “ride share” program between residential providers.

G. People Can't Wait Coalition

The People Can't Wait Coalition met last on May 30, 2008. The next project that the coalition will follow up on is a Family Care panel presentation, scheduled for November 5, 2008, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Goodwill. The panel will consist of individuals who have already transitioned which will help educate those that have not gone through the process. The next meeting of the coalition will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008, 9:15 a.m. at Heinemann's on Bluemound.

H. Direct Caregivers Report

Amy Uker reported that as of June 2, the Ranch has moved its Day Program into the Hellmann Building as they are renovating their schedule and day program.

I. Regional Office Updates

Will be removed from the monthly agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Annual DDAC picnic will be held on August 13, 2008 at Lutheran Social Services, 2000 Bluemound Road. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. with a picnic lunch at 12 noon. A sign up sheet to bring a dish to pass will be shared at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the DDAC will be held on July 9, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Goodwill on Nike Drive in Waukesha.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on _____
Date